



ABOUT THE PROJECT

The east-west corridor between San Bernardino and Redlands is often congested for drivers and mass transit commuters alike. Barriers including the Santa Ana River, Interstate 10, and slow local traffic make it difficult for peak-period travelers to get to and from work, home and other activities.

Recognizing a need for advanced transit alternatives, San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), the county's transportation planning agency, developed the Redlands First Mile and Passenger Rail Project. The plan, which will improve mobility through San Bernardino, Loma Linda, and Redlands, is divided into two projects that are being worked on simultaneously.

With transportation leading the way for revitalization efforts for the region, SANBAG and its partners are working with various transportation agencies in the region to better link transit systems. The Redlands First Mile and Passenger Rail Project will provide increased access to other major transportation lines including Metrolink to and from Los Angeles and Riverside, the planned sbX Bus Rapid Transit Line from northern San Bernardino to Loma Linda, and traditional bus lines throughout the county.

REDLANDS FIRST MILE

Two Metrolink tracks, fully signaled, will be extended for one mile from the Santa Fe Depot in San Bernardino to the planned Intermodal Transit Center and Transit Village at Rialto Avenue and E Street.

REDLANDS PASSENGER RAIL

This project will provide a nine-mile link between the Intermodal Transit Center and Transit Village in San Bernardino and the University of Redlands, with up to 10 potential station locations being evaluated between these two points. Transit alternatives are currently being evaluated including: Light Rail, Diesel Multiple Units, Commuter Rail, and Bus Rapid Transit.

PROJECT CORRIDOR



Legend

- Proposed Redlands Passenger Rail Project
- Redlands First Mile Metrolink Extension

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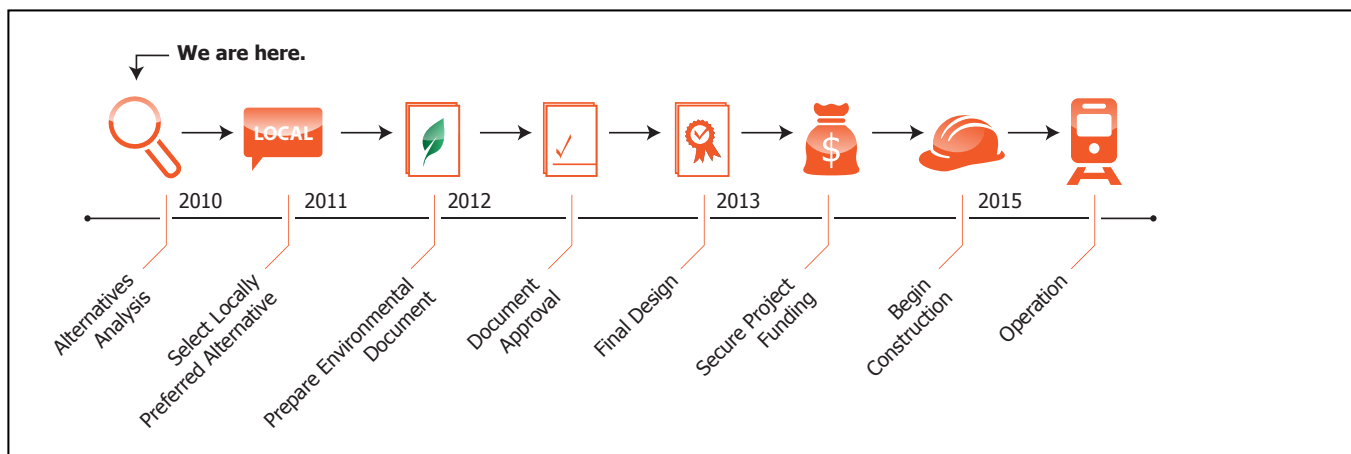


TIMING

The Redlands First Mile Project is currently in the Environmental Phase and is expected to begin Final Design in March 2011. The Redlands Passenger Rail Project is currently in the Alternatives Analysis Phase. As part of this phase, the project development team is assessing four build alternatives with vehicle types including: Light Rail Transit (LRT), a rapid transit-style system that is usually electronically powered; Diesel Multiple Units (DMUs), trains made up of multiple cars powered by on-board diesel engines; Commuter Rail, locomotive-type passenger train; and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), an efficient bus service that typically uses dedicated lanes.

In addition, a Baseline Alternative is being reviewed, which considers other improvements that could be implemented throughout the corridor, and a No Build Alternative, which would mean the project does not move into the design and construction phases but other funded improvements would be built.

After assessing all alternatives, the project development team will recommend an alternative to SANBAG. In early 2011, SANBAG is expected to select a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) so preparation of the environmental document can begin in 2012.



BUILD ALTERNATIVES

Diesel Multiple Units (DMU)



Light Rail Transit



Metrolink



Bus Rapid Transit



FUNDING

Funding for the Redlands First Mile and Passenger Rail Project is anticipated from a combination of federal and local monies. To be eligible for federal funding, the project is being prepared in accordance with federal guidelines. If federal funding of the project is approved, it will require matching local funds.

Local matching funds will come from state and local sources, including Measure I, the half-cent voter approved sales tax collected throughout San Bernardino County for transportation improvements.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Your comments and questions about the Redlands First Mile and Passenger Rail Project are encouraged. For more information, please contact Jane Dreher, Public Information Officer for SANBAG, at (909) 884-8276. You can visit the project website at www.sanbag.ca.gov and click on Redlands Transit Alternatives.